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SUBJECT: FAO'S INDUSTRY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (ICP)

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1. AT OECD/DAC MEETING APRIL 19, CANADIANS AND BRITISH REPORTED THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD FAO INDUSTRY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (ICP) IS WELL ON ITS WAY TO REESTABLISHMENT IN BORADER CONTEXT UNDER UN AEGIS, SPECIFICALLY WITH UNDP.

2. BRITISH PERMREP UNDERSTANDS THAT ICP CHAIRMAN, SIR GEORGE BISHOP, WAS PLEASED WITH HIS TALKS WITH SECRETARY GENERAL IN LONDON AT ACC MEEGING. SYG GAVE BISHOP IMPRESSION THAT DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO ESTABLISH ICP WITH UNDP. CANADIANS ALSO UNDERSTOOD UNDP HAS AGREED TO TAKE ON ICP AND ONLY MINOR DETAILS HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT.

3. DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN ICP AND UNDP WERE NOT KNOWN,
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BUT BRITISH AND CANADIANS THOUGHT IT WAS A TRUST FUND ARRANGEMENT ESSENTIALLY SIMILAR TO OLD ICP ARRANGEMENT WITH FAO. FAO DG ALSO MET WITH BISHOP AND HAS SUPPORTED IN A LETTER THE MOVE OF THE ICP TO THE UNDP.

4. DG'S REPORT TO FAO PROGRAM COMMITTEE IS FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF SEVERANCE OF RELATIONS WITH FAO WITHOUT POLEMICS. REPORT

EMPHASIZES FAO'S INTENT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH INDUSTRY, AND DG
HAS ASKED RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS TO CARRY ON WORK OF ICP SUB-
GROUPS WHEN POSSIBLE. COMMENT: IT SEEMS FROM ROME THAT ISSUE
HAS PASSED, FAO DG DOES NOT WISH TO FURTHER UPSET FEELINGS,
AND ONLY REAL DAMAGE HAS BEEN TO ANGER SOME MEMBERS OF BUSINESS
COMMUNITY BY RUDE PROCEDURE OF SEVERANCE BY FAO OF ICP. GARDNER

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